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It seems clear to me that the current Justice department has an agenda for settling the monopoly abuse case that their Justice department predecessors have already proved in court rather than continue the case to it's more logical conclusion in front of an impartial judge. What is that agenda??? When 9 appellate court justices agree that Microsoft was guilty of antitrust violations then what should happen is for the case to follow a course to conclusion that does not give the appearance of impropriety. If the court was right that the remedy set forth by Judge Jackson should be set aside because of the "appearance of impropriety" by Judge Jackson, then let's apply that same standard now and have this matter concluded in the "light of public view" where the common person will better be able to judge the motives and agenda of both the Justice department and Microsoft. Many people have already concluded that both the Justice departments actions and words are suspect. Anything less that a complete rebuff of this "settlement" and a return to court in the light of public view is a sad travesty of justice.

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